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A Tip on Tariff Sentiment.

Will the Bennington Banner continue to sap the very foundations of Vermont Republicanism, not to speak of the Fish and Game league of Vermont, and the Home Market club of Massachusetts? The Banner had better buy a fan, or contrariwise, a whirligig cooler may account for the contemporary's refreshing blast against Dingleyism and the warning tip to the Vermont delegation in congress to take notice of things at home.

The wood schedule seems to have inflamed the Banner, which remarks with heat and accuracy:

Since the Dingley law went into effect twelve years ago the working man who can afford to pay only \$10 to \$12 for a suit of clothes has gotten for that money not better value than he could for \$7 before. Now if the Aldrich crowd is allowed to pass the pending tariff bill in the shape they are trying to, it means that a \$10 or \$12 suit will be cut another quarter in actual value and will be worth no more than a suit that could be bought for \$5 to \$6 twelve years ago. The middle class and poorer people of the whole country are being sacrificed to help the worsted mills of Rhode Island. It is claimed to be for the benefit of the wool grower, but the truth is that the wool grower would be abundantly protected with the duties reduced one half while the average citizen throughout the country would be benefited from \$10 to \$50 a year, according to the size of his family by reduced duties in these schedules.

The Banner adds that there is still time to write to Senators Page and Dillingham and Congressmen Foster and Plumley. It thinks that it may take violence to separate the two Vermont senators from the Aldrich combine, but Congressmen Foster and Plumley are coming up for re-election next year, and they may win more cheerful support at home if they break a few social and political ties at Washington, and at once.

Damage by Deer.

The matter of deer damage becomes a very live topic as the crops come along. The Brattleboro Reformer cites the case of a Grafton apple-grower, of whose 300 trees about 40 per cent were ruined by deer. He has called upon the county game warden to make an adjustment, but it is unlikely that the settlement will cover half his loss. Then, as the Weathersfield Center correspondent of the Springfield Reporter says, "Frank Page is getting a good deal 'riled up' over the damage that is being done to his garden by the deer. And so the stories of blighted orchards and crops come in, deer trimming the beet tops in a roadside garden just out of Woodstock village recently.

But some of the hard luck tales are doubtless exaggerated, and it seems as if the depredations might be checked without totally exterminating the deer.

The coming season may offer a solution in the legal slaughter of does, if indeed the deer are not annihilated or driven out of the state.

STATE PRESS.

Montpelier Journal: And now the New York Sun comes to the defence of Senator Page, who, it is alleged, ascribed to the Bible the saying, "A part of which I was," with the comforting reflection that "all quotes come to grief, usually sooner than later."

Vermont Editor Up in a Balloon.

C. T. Fairfield of Rutland, editor of the News, was a member of a party which made an ascension Tuesday in a balloon in the heart of the Berkshires at Pittsfield, Mass. The balloon landed at Winsted, Conn., without mishap. It was in the air an hour and fifty minutes and reached a height of 8100 feet.

Since Jerome F. Hale took charge of the hostelry that bears his name, Hale's Tavern, at Wells River, 14 years ago, he has entertained 120,552 guests. In June of this year 704 registered at this popular resort.

Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science passed her 88th birthday anniversary quietly at her Brookline, Mass., home. She is in splendid health.

Windsor County Court.

June Term, 1909.

Patten vs Boston & Maine railroad was settled by the payment of substantial damages by the defendant.

Locke vs Hannah was also settled after the parties were in court in readiness for trial.

ECHO OF THE "WORLD'S FAIR" CASE

Friday morning, the 15th, the trial of the case of W. E. Johnson vs C. C. Paine was begun. Business was interrupted Saturday by the illness of an attorney in the case, and was resumed Monday.

The case grows out of a bicycle accident which occurred ten years ago, for which about \$2000 was recovered from the society. Mr. Johnson was of counsel for the society, defendant at that time, and sued to recover for legal services on the alleged liability of the defendant as a member of the Union Agricultural Society of Tunbridge. The great contention is as to whether Mr. Paine became a member of the association by exhibiting poultry at the fairs of 1897 and 1898 and on other years. The plaintiff obtained a judgment against the association in 1904, before a justice of the peace, on notice to the clerk of the association. There is no claim that Mr. Paine had any notice of the suit. It is claimed by the plaintiff that Mr. Paine can be held under the statute to pay this judgment by reason of his original liability as a member when the cause of action accrued.

Mr. Paine testified that he never was asked to become a member, never intended to become a member and all that he did each year was to take his poultry (and on one or two occasions a pig, mare and colt) to the fair as an exhibitor, pay his entry fee of \$1.00 and enter his property for exhibition.

John G. Sargent and Hale K. Darling for plaintiff, and Nelson L. Boyden and Gilbert A. Davis for defendant.

On Tuesday, July 20th, Edward D. Hickey, the convicted Catholic priest of Springfield, was called for sentence. It was shown that he had incipient tuberculosis, that five sisters and a brother had died of that disease and that confinement in a prison would probably bring on quick consumption. Some 300 of his parishioners had signed a petition in his behalf. Dr. F. T. Kidder of Woodstock testified that he had made an examination of Father Hickey and found evidence of incipient tuberculosis in one lung.

The court in view of all the circumstances imposed a fine of \$1000, which was paid and the respondent discharged.

The following divorces were granted:

Mary Chamberlain vs. Israel Chamberlain, for wilful desertion. Wm. Batchelder for petitioner.

Wm. R. Ober vs. Julia E. Ober; bill granted for adultery.

Annie Gray Smith vs. Henry Smith; neglect and refusal to support. Wallace Batchelder for petitioner.

Byron S. Fuller vs. Josephine A. Fuller; bill granted for wilful desertion. E. B. Flinn for petitioner.

Cassius L. Merriam vs. Rosie M. Merriam; bill granted for adultery. Custody of child to grandmother. Skeels for petitioner.

LaPierre vs LaPierre. Bill granted for intolerable severity. Eddy vs Eddy, from Andover. Bill granted for desertion.

Edith M. Hufnail vs. Daniel M. Hufnail of Felchville. Bill granted for adultery.

George W. Clark of Woodstock vs. Minnie C. Clark. Bill granted for adultery.

The case of Grace E. McClellan vs. Samuel G. McClellan, of Barnard, a petition for the support and custody of a child, has been partly tried. The husband, who has been locked out of his house by his wife, says he is willing to forgive her, and the court is awaiting their reconciliation.

SHERBURNE.

A. C. Plumley was in Rutland the first of the week.

Mrs. Eugene Heselon of Bridge-water visited her sister in this place last Sunday night.

Minnie West of Rutland is passing her vacation at her home here.

Mrs. Glenn Madden and children of West Bridgewater, visited her mother here one day last week.

Clayton and Eddie Willis visited friends in Rutland and vicinity a part of last week.

Mrs. Van Ness Dimick is entertaining a sister from Warrensburg, N. Y.

Ezra Tatro and family of Ludlow were guests at Alton Topper's last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Warner visited in Benson a part of last week.

BARNARD.

The subject at the Universalist church July 25th, is "Sight and Insight, the sixth sense."

Dr. Freeman and wife of New York, and Mrs. E. E. Startevant of Bethel were at the "Wayside" Tuesday.

Warren Atwood and wife of South Framingham, Mass., are at P. N. Chamberlain's.

Mrs. David Coolidge of Randolph is with her daughter, Mrs. P. N. Chamberlain.

Mrs. Robert Sawyer has sold her farm to Mr. Howard of West Woodstock.

Bert E. Cady expects to open the Silver Lake House August 1st. He is thoroughly improving the well-known place before admitting the public, new paper and paint doing much for the appearance of the interior. He will also take down the old barn and build a new one farther away from the house.

NORTH BRIDGEWATER.

Mrs. J. R. Pember and Violet Wilson of Woodstock visited a few days at Wayside recently.

Mrs. Frank Shepard and children of New Hampshire are visiting at Elmer Luce's.

Mrs. Howard of Massachusetts is visiting at George Vaughan's for a while.

G. F. Green, wife and niece of South Pomfret were here and in Barnard Friday.

H. E. Luce, wife and Edith of South Pomfret were at Charles Luce's Sunday, also Mrs. Elmer Luce and Mrs. Frank Shepard.

Wallace Brown was at home in South Pomfret Sunday.

Big Deal in Marble.

What is probably the largest marble deal which has ever taken place in Vermont was completed Saturday night and Monday, when George C. Underhill, a Rutland promoter, closed the deal which purchased for New York capitalists, whose names for the present are not made public, about twenty farms in the towns of Chardonn, Timmouh, and Danby, comprising nearly 10,000 acres.

There is a vein of marble which starts in the town of Brandon and runs south to about the center of the town of Danby, and the farms which have been purchased are on this vein in a nearly straight line. Quarries will be opened on the property and a railroad will be built, connecting the quarries with the main lines of traffic. The terminal of the railroad has not been determined upon but it may be at West Rutland, Poultny, or Granville, N. Y. It is not known when the work of developing the property will be begun.

The Columbian Marble Quarrying Co., whose mills which are located in Rutland, and which have been closed for some time, the company being defunct, will in all probability be moved to some point on the railroad as soon as the line is completed. It is understood that the New York capitalists have an option on the purchase of the company.

Record Price for a Bull.

At the stock auction of T. S. Cooper & Sons, at Coopersburg, Pa., the proprietors of the Kinloch farm, of Kirksville, Mo., paid \$12,000, the record auction price for a bull.

The bull is a Jersey, five years old, and weighs about 1,400 pounds. He wears the euphonious name of "Viola's Golden Jolly," which is taken from the names of the parents on both sides.

Viola's Golden Jolly has been in America about a year, having been imported from Jersey Island by T. S. Cooper & Sons.

Auto Crashed into Train.

A touring car, owned by Col. J. C. Clark of St. Johnsbury, driven by J. B. Gild, and occupied by five persons, ran into a moving Boston & Maine train at Folsom's crossing near Lyndonville and the people in the car had a narrow escape from injury.

The driver of the car saw the train too late to make a crossing but stopped the machine on the very edge of the tracks. The automobile was hit, the steps were ripped off several passenger cars and a board 16 feet long and three feet wide, was taken off the side of a milk car. The auto was badly damaged but none of the occupants were injured at all.

Four persons were killed, more than 20 severely injured and a dozen others slightly injured as the result of the explosion of a motor cycle, and a fire which followed it during a cycle race held at the old botanic gardens in Berlin Sunday evening.

BRIDGEWATER.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. King and Miss Marjorie King of Easthampton, Mass., and Mrs. Richard Smith and children of Bristol are the guests of Mrs. Mary Smith.

A pretty shower party was given Miss Irma Davis at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Southgate, last week Friday evening. About twenty guests attended. The house was prettily decorated with yellow and white daisies and ferns. The evening was spent in contests. Refreshments were served, during the evening. Miss Davis, through the kindness of many friends, was the recipient of much lovely linen, for which she extends thanks to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hawkins expect to move to Wilder very soon, where Mr. Hawkins has work in a livery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burns will occupy the house to be vacated by Mr. Hawkins.

Mrs. Agnes Greaves is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Sprague in Randolph.

Forrest Warren of Ludlow is the new cook at the boarding house.

H. G. Davis was in Manchester, N. H., this week, for the purpose of purchasing an engine for his mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrt Smith of Wallingford were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Southgate last Sunday.

Lewis Spaulding of Windsor was at E. A. Davis' Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Southgate has returned from White River Junction, where she has visited her sons, C. R. and H. S. Southgate.

Miss Nellie Murphy of Lowell, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. George Carter for a few days.

Mrs. Walter Snow is visiting relatives in Royalton.

A. C. Walker was in Rutland this week.

Mrs. Luther Furber is visiting in Hartford, Conn.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Miss Elsie Walker is taking a much needed vacation, and is now at E. C. Billings.

Mrs. Ethel White is seriously ill with tonsillitis; she is stopping at C. M. White's through her illness.

Marguerite Lincoln of Franklin, Mass., who is ill at P. C. Kendall's, is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Orgrid of Newark, N. J., called at Mrs. Kingsley's one day last week with Isaiah Benson.

Frank Blake is assisting his father in the hay field.

Mrs. Fred Fletcher and her sister were in Plymouth last week Thursday and Friday.

F. A. Barr and his son Carl of Hammond, N. Y., have been guests of Mr. Barr's nephew, A. B. Shove. Mr. Barr has returned home, leaving his son here.

Service at the church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. L. C. Kendall is in Barnard for a week.

QUECHEE.

Mrs. G. E. Mann entertained Mrs. Abbie Parker and Miss Cushing at luncheon and bridge on Tuesday.

Miss Flora Strong was taken ill at P. H. Little's on Monday. She is now at T. S. Carter's with her sister, and is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Preston are in Quincy, Mass., to remain over Sunday.

The organ at the Congregational church has been recently repaired and tuned by Mr. Fragee of Boston.

BETHEL.

Work at the quarry is interrupted by low water in the White river. In about two weeks it is expected that Manager Cushing of the Gaysville Electric Light and Power company will have his steam auxiliary plant here ready to furnish power and lights for Randolph.

Mrs. W. P. Thompson of Caven-dish is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. N. Batchelder.

Charles Wilson of Oxford, England, is at home for the summer.

Not What He Wanted. A Scotsman walked into a Montreal bookshop and, as the assistant thought, asked for Robert Burns. On being told this the proprietor of the shop himself got down three or four editions of the poet and took them to the waiting Scotsman. The customer, however, shook his head hopelessly and said, "It's nae Robert Burns I askit for, but rubber bands."

Not long ago a schoolboy in the West, in a history examination, wrote: "The American war of independence took place because the colonies refused to submit to taxation without temptation."

Summer and Fall Seeding and Top-Dressing.

Many farmers are finding it to their advantage to seed down during the summer and fall, claiming that by so doing they are apt to get a much better "catch" than they do when they follow the usual practice and seed down in the spring.

The same is true regarding top-dressing grass land. Some of the most progressive farmers put on top-dressing immediately after haying, with perhaps a small application of nitrate of soda the following spring.

If you will send your name and P. O. address to Carroll S. Page, Hyde Park, Vt., he will send you, free, postpaid, several formulas for mixing fertilizers especially adapted to top-dressing and fall seeding, together with prices of ingredients, full directions for mixing, etc. These formulas have been approved by the Vermont Experiment Station and will be found thoroughly reliable.

EAST BARNARD.

Elva Noonan called on Lucy Preston in Sharon Monday.

Several from this place were in Woodstock on business Tuesday.

Bessie Adams went to Randolph Saturday, where she has employment.

Mrs. Kate Ashley of South Royalton was a recent guest at Elwin Moore's.

Helen Graves of St. Albans visited friends here last week.

S. G. McClellan of West Derby is spending a few days with friends here.

Mrs. Kate Allen has returned from Chelsea, after spending a few days with relatives there.

James Noonan came home Saturday for a few days' stay.

Mrs. Phoebe Barrows of Bridge-water was a guest of Mrs. Eva Graves Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Smith, who has been spending several days with Mrs. Ellen Goff in Tunbridge, has returned to her home here.

George Walker has returned from Burlington.

Broke Into State Arsenal.

Four boys about 16 years old were in the Montpelier city court on the charge of breaking into the state arsenal. The boys, Arthur Carrier, Cleveland Mason, Ino Daniels, and Eugene Jeanjaquet, took a tent and several other camp utensils and started out to "make camp" just outside of the city where they were arrested by Sheriff F. H. Tracy.

Store Burned, Loss \$7500.

The general store owned by Samuel Baell in South Stratford was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday night entailing a total loss of about \$7500. The postoffice was also located in this building, but most of its equipment together with the accounts and books of the store business were saved.

Most of the goods in the store were totally destroyed. The exact origin of the fire is unknown.

Struck by Spent Bullet.

While sitting on her verandah the other afternoon, Mrs. G. A. Perry, of Springfield, was struck by a spent bullet and slightly wounded in one shoulder. The bullet penetrated to a depth of nearly an inch and then fell out into her lap.

Two boys, Russell Stiles and Foster Amidon, were shooting a king-fisher in the Stiles boy's yard with a 22-calibre rifle, a bullet from which traveled all of the intervening distance and found its mark in Mrs. Perry's shoulder.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of cheap imitations.
Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

BIRTHS.

In Perkinsville, a son to Rev. and Mrs. Holway.

In Hartland, June 29, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pease.

In Ludlow, July 9, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Lamere.

In Windsor, July 10, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt.

MARRIAGES.

In Hartland, July 19, by the Rev. C. O. Gill, Robert Thomas and Miss Margaret Aitken, both of West Windsor.

DEATHS.

In Proctorsville, July 11, Mrs. L. A. Todd, aged 81 years.

In Proctorsville, July 13, Mrs. Jennie Archer, aged 66 years.

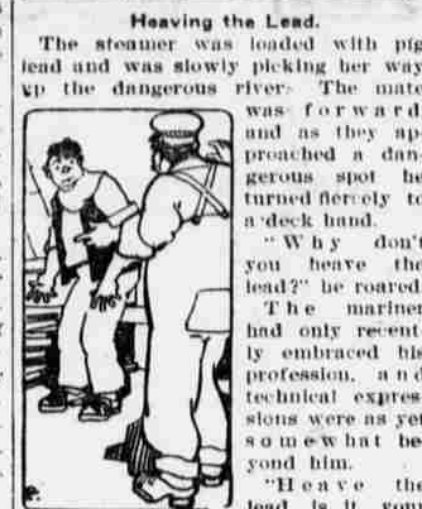
In Reading, July 11, Mrs. Emma Sherwin, wife of George Wilson.

Of 900 arrivals at the hotel in Chester last summer, 600 came by automobile.

Judge Francis Gaskill of the Massachusetts Superior court, died Friday, July 16, at York, Meach.

The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortune of East Monkton was killed Saturday afternoon by falling downstairs.

The Scrap Book



Heaving the Lead.
The steamer was loaded with pig lead and was slowly picking her way up the dangerous river. The mate was forward, and as they approached a dangerous spot he turned fiercely to a deck hand.

"Why don't you heave the lead?" he roared. "Where's the lead?" he cried.

The mate turned purple. "Overboard, you fathead!" he cried.

And straightway Patrick seized one of the pigs of lead and threw it overboard.

The mate felt that mere words were useless at a time like this, and he made an effort to save the pig as it went over. Alas, in doing so he overbalanced and went in with a splash into the dark river.

Just then the captain took a hand in the discussion from the bridge.

"Now, then, you forward, why don't you heave the lead?"

"Gimme, sur, 'tis already heve," said Pat.

"And how 'Arrah!" he said, much water is there?"

Pat considered a moment. "Arrah," he said, "don't ye be so impatient. The mate's just this moment gone to find out."

Many a Slip.
There's many a slip on the stony hillside of life as we up to the summit would climb.

The pathway is narrow, the pitfalls are wide. And we can go only one step at a time. Then what wonder so many have made a misstep.

And fallen. Let us pause ere their sin we rehearse. And still the reproaches that come to the lip. For aught that we know we might have done worse.

—Helen Manville.

The Arm of the Law.
In a certain Canadian city a lady was defending an action for a large sum of money which she felt she was not morally entitled to pay. When it looked as if the case would go against her she sold all her real estate and put the proceeds, some \$15,000 or more, in her pocketbook—which in her case, as is the custom with some women, was her stocking. The judgment was given against her, and because she would not pay nor tell where the money was she was sent to jail for a year. Her counsel tried to get her released. The following conversation formed part of the proceedings:

"You admit," said the judge, "that this woman had property to the value of \$15,000?"

"Yes, your honor," said the counsel.

"And you admit that she sold the property and put the money in her stocking?"

"Yes, my lord."

"And do you mean to tell me that the arm of the law is not long enough to reach it?"

Former Representative Amos J. Cummings of New York was once city editor of the Sun. One Saturday night it was announced that all the saloons were to be closed next day.

Cummings called his star reporter, Murray.

"Tom," he said, "go out tomorrow and find out if the saloons are selling liquor."

It was Thursday when Tom again appeared at his desk.

"They were," he reported.

Man's Ideal of Character.
Every man has at times in his mind the ideal of what he should be, but is not. This ideal may be high and noble, or it may be quite low and insufficient, yet in all men that really seek to improve it is better than the actual character. Man never falls so low that he can see nothing higher than himself.—Theodore Parker.

Family Secrets.
There is a most amusing woman in Louisville who is noted among her friends for her habit of "saying things without thinking." Her daughter was entertaining a young man on the front porch, and the mother was standing at the fence talking to the neighbors next door. In the yard of the latter was a baby a little over a year old, and it was trying to walk.

"You shouldn't let it walk so young," advised the thoughtless matron. "Wait until it's a little older. I let my daughter walk when she was about that age, and it made her awfully bow-legged."

The young man began to talk energetically about the weather.

In the Auto Office.
"What is that chute lending through the floor?" asks the caller of the beautiful stenographer in the office of the automobile company.